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SUBJECT: PM TUSK AND ADVISERS CONFIRM PUBLICLY THAT POLAND
PLANS TO RECOGNIZE KOSOVO ON FEBRUARY 26

REF: A. STATE 17891
1B. WARSAW 227
1C. WARSAW 225 AND PREVIOUS
1D. STATE 16319

Classified By: Charge d'affaires Mary T. Curtin for reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

11. (C) Per Refs B and C, during the week of February 18 Charge demarched MFA U/S Witold Waszczykowski and Presidential Chief of Staff Anna Fotyga urging prompt Polish recognition of Kosovo. Following a February 20 meeting with President Lech Kaczynski, PM Donald Tusk told the media February 21 that, "If it were not for the President's requesting that the decision on Kosovo be postponed, it would have been made at the Cabinet session on Tuesday (February 19)." This amplified similar comments by FM Radek Sikorski the day before. (N.B. Per reftels, President Lech Kaczynski harbors concerns that recognizing Kosovo could aggravate the separatist situations in Georgia and other former Soviet republics.) In separate comments to Polish Radio Zet, Tusk's Chef de Cabinet Slawomir Nowak said, "We will accept the independence of Kosovo. The matter will most likely be closed next Tuesday (February 26) at the Council of Ministers." MFA contacts confirm that recognition at the February 26 Cabinet session is almost a foregone conclusion.

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